

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-24, as amended, appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to recite that the electrode cartridge is designed for easy attachment to the main unit for applying the electrical energy and thereafter can be detached and discarded, support for which is found in the specification, e.g., paragraphs [0024] and [0066] and the drawings of the published application. Since no new matter is introduced by these changes, the amendment should be entered at this time.

Applicants confirm that the present claims are patentable over the references cited in the final office action for the reasons set forth in their prior response. Accordingly, it is believed that the entire application is in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree, then a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues and expedite the eventual allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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